



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

### 2025 and 2026

### SB0241

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new  
415 ILCS 5/Art. Tit. XIX heading new  
415 ILCS 5/60 new  
415 ILCS 5/60.1 new  
415 ILCS 5/60.2 new  
415 ILCS 5/60.3 new  
415 ILCS 5/60.4 new  
415 ILCS 5/60.5 new

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Creates the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure program. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall provide grants to petroleum marketers, petroleum terminal operators, and any other companies that the Department of Agriculture determines are eligible for grant funding. Provides that eligible expenditures include tank modifications, tanks, piping, and fuel dispensers. Provides that an eligible grant recipient shall not receive more than \$1,000,000 in grant funding. Provides that no funding under the program shall be made available to a public body. Creates the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, the Comptroller shall order transferred, and the Treasurer shall transfer, \$3,000,000 each calendar quarter from the Underground Storage Tank Fund to the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund, unless the Underground Storage Tank Fund has a balance at or below \$75,000,000. Creates the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Task Force. Sets forth membership and duties of the Task Force. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.1030 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

7 Sec. 5.1030. The Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund.

8 Section 10. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by  
9 adding Title XIX as follows:

10 (415 ILCS 5/Art. Tit. XIX heading new)

11 ARTICLE Tit. XIX. RENEWABLE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

12 (415 ILCS 5/60 new)

13 Sec. 60. Creation; administration. The General Assembly  
14 hereby establishes the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program  
15 (RFI Program). The Department of Agriculture shall administer  
16 the Renewable Infrastructure Program in accordance with the  
17 terms of this Title. Grants may be awarded from the Renewable  
18 Fuels Infrastructure Fund to applicants satisfying the  
19 application and eligibility requirements established by the  
20 Department of Agriculture, by rule.

1 (415 ILCS 5/60.1 new)

2 Sec. 60.1. Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund.

3 (a) The Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund is created as  
4 a special fund in the State treasury. The Fund may accept  
5 moneys from any lawful source. Any interest earned on moneys  
6 in the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

7 (b) Moneys in the Fund shall be used by the Department of  
8 Agriculture solely to provide grants to petroleum marketers,  
9 petroleum terminal operators, and any other companies that the  
10 Department of Agriculture, by rule, determines are eligible  
11 for grant funding under this Title.

12 (c) An eligible grant recipient shall not receive more  
13 than \$1,000,000 in grant funding under this Title.

14 (415 ILCS 5/60.2 new)

15 Sec. 60.2. Funding. From July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027,  
16 the Comptroller shall order transferred, and the Treasurer  
17 shall transfer, \$3,000,000 each calendar quarter from the  
18 Underground Storage Tank Fund to the Renewable Fuel  
19 Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of establishing a grant  
20 program funding the installation of equipment for the storage  
21 and dispensing of fuels with higher blends of ethanol or  
22 biodiesel feedstock. For the purposes of this Section, "higher  
23 blends" means gasoline blends greater than E-10 and biodiesel  
24 blends greater than B-10. No transfer shall take place from

1 the Underground Storage Tank Fund to the Renewable Fuel  
2 Infrastructure Fund in any calendar quarter from July 1, 2025,  
3 to June 30, 2027, when the Underground Storage Tank Fund has a  
4 balance at or below \$75,000,000.

5 (415 ILCS 5/60.3 new)

6 Sec. 60.3. Eligibility. Eligible recipients for grant  
7 funding under this Title are exclusively limited to retail  
8 petroleum marketers, petroleum terminal operators, and any  
9 other related companies identified by the Department of  
10 Agriculture, by rule. No funding shall be made available to  
11 any public body pursuant to this Title. Applicants for grant  
12 funding under this Title are responsible for covering at least  
13 50% of the costs associated with installing the equipment for  
14 which grant funding is provided under this Title. A company  
15 may not apply for more than \$1,000,000 in grant funding under  
16 this Title or more than \$100,000 for any one site.

17 In this Section, "public body" has the meaning given to  
18 that term in Section 1.02 of the Open Meetings Act.

19 (415 ILCS 5/60.4 new)

20 Sec. 60.4. Task Force. The Department of Agriculture shall  
21 establish the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Task Force. The  
22 Department of Agriculture shall solicit feedback from and  
23 consult with, at least annually, representatives from  
24 stakeholder groups. The Task Force shall be composed of 6

1 members representing petroleum marketers, petroleum terminal  
2 operators, or any other related companies or associations. At  
3 least 3 of these 6 members shall hold a valid motor fuel tax  
4 license. The Task Force shall also include 2 members  
5 representing Illinois corn growers and 2 members representing  
6 Illinois soybean growers. Task Force members shall be selected  
7 by the Director of Agriculture. The substance of consultations  
8 shall include, but may not be limited to, an overall review of  
9 the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure program, whether the  
10 Renewable Infrastructure program is meeting its goals and  
11 whether the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure program should be  
12 renewed beyond June 30, 2027. The Renewable Fuels  
13 Infrastructure Task Force shall not have binding  
14 decision-making authority.

15 (415 ILCS 5/60.5 new)

16 Sec. 60.5. Expenditures. Eligible expenditures include  
17 tank modifications, tanks, piping, fuel dispensers, and any  
18 other equipment deemed necessary by the Department of  
19 Agriculture, by rule.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.